

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 11-13, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27-33 have been amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at pages 24-27. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims do not require further search and, therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered and considered.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS

Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,249,835 to Isoda in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,3094,276 to Yamaguchi et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Independent claim 1, recites, *inter alia*:

“...receiving means for receiving moving picture data representative of a plurality of sequential images and for selecting a desired image therefrom;

a judging means for detecting print data specifying information included in a print data transmitting command supplied from the printing control unit for the desired image, and

judging, based on the detected print data the type of the print data transmitted from the printing control unit...” (emphasis added)

Applicants submit that the portions of Isoda and Yamaguchi cited in the Office Action (hereinafter, merely “Isoda” and “Yamaguchi”) do not teach the above-identified features of claim 1.

Therefore, independent claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 5, 9, 13, 17, 22 and 27-33, which recite similar features, are also believed to be allowable.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

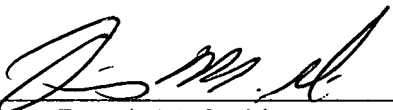
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the references providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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